

#### REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 5, 2003. Claims 6-9 remain pending in this application. Claim 6 is the independent claim. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 6-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph set forth in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully believe Claims 6-9 have been rewritten to overcome the rejections and believe them in condition for allowance at this time.

Applicants hereby affirm the election of Claims 6-10, directed to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, without traverse. Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 11-20 as required by 37 CFR 1.142(b).

In response to the Office Action's objection to Claim 1, Applicants respectfully note that Claim 1 is not currently pending at this time, thus the objection is believed moot. Applicants respectfully request its withdrawal.


On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully

believes the cancellation of Claim 10 adequately responds to the §  
112 rejection and respectfully requests its withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully  
request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the  
present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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